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## Appointments

2019 - Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, University of Utah  
2017-19 Research Fellow, Department of Politics, University of Exeter  
2016-17 Martin Fishbein Postdoctoral Fellow, Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania

### AFFILIATIONS

2016 - Associate, Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at University of Canberra

## Education

2016 *PhD*, Mass Communication, Southern Illinois University  
Dissertation: *Unbiasing Information Search and Processing through Personal and Social Identity Mechanisms*.  
• Top Paper, Intergroup Communication, ICA, 2017  
2013 *MA*, Media Theory and Research, Southern Illinois University  
2010 *BA*, Psychology & English-Writing, *summa cum laude*, Illinois College

## Publications & talks

### JOURNAL ARTICLES (29)

2022 **Lyons, BA.** & Workman, K.\* (Accepted). “Explicit voter fraud conspiracy cues increase belief among co-partisans but have broader spillover effects on confidence in elections” Accepted at *HKS Misinformation Review*. [\*Undergrad]. [Pre-reg + data]

Stoeckel, F., Carter, C., **Lyons, BA.**, & Reifler, J. (2022). “The Politics of Vaccine Hesitancy in Europe.” *European Journal of Public Health*, doi:10.1093/eurpub/ckaco41.

Spälti, A., Stöckli, S., Phillips, J., Stoeckel, F., Reifler, J., **Lyons, B.**, Mérola, V., & Szewach, P. (2022). “Which vaccine attributes foster vaccine uptake? A cross-country conjoint experiment.” *PLoS ONE* 17(5): e0266003. [Pre-reg + data]

2021 **Lyons, BA.**, Montgomery, J., Guess, A., Nyhan, B., & Reifler, J. (2021). “Overconfidence in News Judgements is Associated with Susceptibility to False News.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(23). doi:10.1073/pnas.2019527118 [Pre-reg + data]

• Coverage (selected): *The Guardian*. *Snopes*. *CNN*. *The Independent*. *New York Daily News*. *Ars Technica*.

Stoeckel, F., Carter, C., **Lyons, BA.**, & Reifler, J. (2021). “Association of vaccine hesitancy and immunization coverage rates in the European Union.” *Vaccine*, 39(29): 3945-3949. doi:10.1016/j.vaccine.2021.05.062

Stoeckel, F., **Lyons, BA.**, & Reifler, J. (2021). “Public Misperceptions of European Integration in the U.K.” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*. doi:10.1080/17457289.2021.1945612

Berlinski, N.,\* Doyle, M.,\* Guess, A., Levy, G.,\* **Lyons, BA.**, Montgomery, J., Nyhan, B., & Reifler, J. (2021). “The Effects of Unsubstantiated Claims of Voter Fraud on Confidence in Elections.” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. doi:10.1017/XPS.2021.18 [\*Undergrad] [Pre-reg + data]

• Coverage: *CNN*. *The Atlantic*. *ProPublica*. *The Guardian*.

Spälti, A., **Lyons, BA.**, Mérola, V., Reifler, J., Stedtnitz, C., Stoeckel, F., & Szewach, P. (2021). “Partisanship and public opinion of COVID-19: Does emphasizing Trump and his administration’s response to the pandemic affect public opinion about the coronavirus?” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*, 31:sup1, 145-154. doi:10.1080/17457289.2021.1924749. [Pre-reg + data]

**Lyons BA.**, Farhart, C., Hall, M., Kotcher, J., Levendusky, M., Miller, J., Nyhan, B., Raimi, K., Reifler, J., Saunders, K., Skytte, R., & Zhao, X. (2021). “Self-Affirmation and Identity-Driven Political Behavior” *Journal of Experimental Political Science*. 1–15. doi:10.1017/XPS.2020.46 [Data]

2020

- Guess, A, Lerner, M., **Lyons, BA**, Montgomery, J, Nyhan, B, & Reifler, J., Sircar, N. (2020). "A digital media literacy intervention increases discernment between mainstream and false news in the United States and India." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(27): 15536-15545. doi:10.1073/pnas.1920498117. [equal co-authors] [Pre-reg + data]
- Coverage: *Consumer Reports* (1, 2). *Ars Technica*. *Hindustan Times*. *Nieman Lab*. *Healthline*. *The Conversation*. *Der Spiegel*. *The New York Times*.
- Lyons, BA**, Merola, VM, Reifler, J, & Stoeckel, F. (2020). "How politics shape views toward fact-checking: Evidence from 6 European countries." *International Journal of Press/Politics*, 25(3). doi:10.1177/1940161220921732. [Data]
- Lyons, BA**, Merola, V, & Reifler, J. (2020). "Shifting medical guidelines: Compliance and spillover effects for revised antibiotic recommendations." *Social Science & Medicine*, 255. doi:10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.112943. [Pre-reg + data]
- Hasell, A, **Lyons, BA**, Tallapragada, M, & Jamieson, KH. (2020) "Improving GM consensus acceptance through reduced reactance and climate change-based message targeting." *Environmental Communication*, 4(7): 987-1003. doi:10.1080/17524032.2020.1746377. [Data]
- Guess, A, Lockett, D, **Lyons, BA**, Montgomery, J, Nyhan, B, & Reifler, J. (2020). "Fake news" may have limited effects beyond increasing beliefs in false claims." *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*, 1(1). doi:10.37016/mr-2020-004. [Data]
- Coverage: *The Washington Post*. *Lawfare*.
- Lyons, BA**, McKay, A, & Reifler, J. (2020). "High-status lobbyists are most likely to overrate their success." *Nature Human Behaviour*, 4(2): 153-159. doi:10.1038/s41562-019-0761-9. [Data]
- Coverage: *National Affairs*.
- Lyons, BA**, Akin, H., & Stroud, T. (2020). "Proximity (mis)perception: Public awareness of nuclear, refinery, and fracking sites." *Risk Analysis*, 40(2): 385-398. doi:10.1111/risa.13387. [Data]
- 2019 **Lyons, BA**. (2019). "Discussion Network Activation: An Expanded Approach to Selective Exposure." *Media and Communication*, 7(3): 32-41. doi:10.17645/mac.v7i3.2112. [Pre-reg + data]
- Lyons, BA**, Hasell, A, Tallapragada, M., & Jamieson, KH. (2019). "How Conversion Messages Change Attitudes: Strong Arguments, Not Costly Signals." *Public Understanding of Science* 28(3): 320-338. doi:10.1177/0963662518821017. [Data]
- Coverage: *Scientific American*. *The Skeptical Inquirer*. *Wissenschaftskommunikation.de*. *Genetic Literacy Project*.
- Lyons, BA**, Merola, V & Reifler, J. (2018). "Not Just Asking Questions: Effects of Implicit and Explicit Conspiracy Information about Vaccines and Genetic Modification." *Health Communication*, 34(14): 1741-1750. doi: 10.1080/10410236.2018.1530526. [Pre-reg + data]
- Coverage: *Psychology Today*.
- 2018 **Lyons, BA**. (2018). "Reducing Group Alignment in Factual Disputes? The Limited Effects of Social Identity Interventions." *Science Communication*, 40(6): 789-807. doi:10.1177/1075547018804826. [Data]
- Lyons, BA**, Hasell, A. & Stroud, T. (2018). "Enduring Extremes? Polar Vortex, Drought, and Climate Change Beliefs." *Environmental Communication*, 12(7): 876-894. doi:10.1080/17524032.2018.1520735. [Data]
- Coverage: *Reuters*. *NPR*. *El País* (1, 2). *Pacific Standard*. *Huffington Post*.
- Lyons, BA**. (2018). "When Readers Believe Journalists: Effects of Adjudication in Varied Dispute Contexts." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 30(4): 583-606. doi:10.1093/ijpor/edx013
- Coverage: *Wired [UK]*.
- 2017 **Lyons, BA**. (2017). "From Code to Discourse: Social Media and Linkage Mechanisms in Deliberative Systems," *Journal of Public Deliberation* 13(1): 4. doi:10.16997/jdd.270
- Veenstra, AS, **Lyons, BA**, & Degim, A. (2017) "Intraparty Hostility: Social Identity, Sub-Identity, and the Hostile Media Effect in a Contested Primary," *Journal of Political Marketing*, 16(3-4): 365-385. doi:10.1080/15377857.2017.1334255
- Reprinted in C. Williams (ed.), *Social Media, Political Marketing & the 2016 U.S. Election*, Routledge, 2018.
- 2016 **Lyons, BA**, & Veenstra, AS. (2016). "How (Not) to Talk on Twitter: Effects of Politicians' Tweets on Perceptions of the Twitter Environment," *Cyberpsychology, Behavior & Social Networking* 19(1): 8-15. doi:10.1089/cyber.2015.0319
- Coverage: *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*.

- Veenstra, AS, **Lyons, BA**, & Fowler-Dawson, A. (2016). “[Conservatism vs. Conservationism: Counteractive Influences of Social Affiliation on Beliefs About Fracking](#),” *Environmental Communication*, 10(3): 322-336. doi:10.1080/17524032.2015.1127851.
- 2015 **Lyons, BA**. (2015). “[Is Online Citizen News Really Alternative? A Multiplatform Analysis of BP Oil Spill Coverage](#),” *Web Journal of Mass Communication Research*, 49. <http://wjmc.org/vol49>.
- Veenstra, AS, Park, CS, **Lyons, BA**, Kang, CY, & Iyer, N. (2015). “[Intramedium Interaction and the Third-Person Effect: How Partisans Respond to YouTube Ads and Comments](#),” *CyberPsychology, Behavior & Social Networking*, 18(7): 406-410. doi:10.1089/cyber.2014.0588.
- 2014 Veenstra, AS, Hossain, MD, & **Lyons, BA**. (2014). “[Partisan Media and Discussion as Enhancers of the Belief Gap](#),” *Mass Communication & Society*, 17(6): 874-897. doi:10.1080/15205436.2013.855791.
- Coverage: [National Affairs](#).
- CHAPTERS, REPORTS, WHITE PAPERS (6)
- 2020 **Lyons, BA**, Merola, V. & Reifler, J. (2020). “[How bad is the fake news problem? The effect of baseline information in public perceptions](#),” in: Greifeneder, R., Jaffé, M., Newman, E., Schwarz, N. (eds.) *The psychology of fake news: Accepting, sharing, and correcting misinformation*. London, UK: Routledge. doi:10.4324/9780429295379-3.
- Guess, A & **Lyons, BA** (2020). “[Disinformation, Misinformation and Online Propaganda](#),” in: N Persily & J Tucker (eds.), *Social Media and Democracy: The State of the Field*. Cambridge University Press.
- 2019 Guess, A, **Lyons, BA**, Montgomery, J, Nyhan, B, & Reifler, J. (2019). “[Fake news, Facebook ads, and misperceptions: Assessing information quality in the 2018 U.S. midterm election campaign](#).” Democracy Fund report.
- Coverage: [Scientific American](#). [The Atlantic](#). [Los Angeles Times](#). [Facebook](#). [Columbia Journalism Review](#). [The Verge](#). [Washington Post](#).
- 2018 Guess, A, **Lyons, BA**, Nyhan, B, & Reifler, J. (2018). “[Avoiding the Echo Chamber about Echo Chambers: Why Selective Exposure to Like-Minded Political News Is Less Prevalent Than You Think](#).” Knight Foundation report.
- Coverage: [The Washington Post](#). [Lawfare](#). [Nieman Lab \(1, 2\)](#). [FiveThirtyEight \(1, 2\)](#). [Christian Science Monitor](#). [The Conversation](#). [The Verge](#). [Reason](#). [New York Times](#).
- Veenstra, AS, **Lyons, BA**, Sapienza, Z, & Kang, CS. (2018). “[Social Identities and the Illinois Pension Problem: Roles of Politics, Geography, and Media](#).” *Illinois Municipal Policy Journal*, 3(1), 97-116.
- 2015 Veenstra, AS, Iyer, N, Xie, W, **Lyons, BA**, Park, CS, & Feng, Y. (2015). “[Come Together, Right Now: Retweeting in the Social Model of Protest Mobilization](#),” in N Rambukkana (ed.), *Hashtag Publics: The Power and Politics of Networked Discourse Communities*. New York: Peter Lang.
- MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW
- Lyons, BA**. “[Disentangling Bias and Earned Confidence: Using a Behavioral Baseline of Media Susceptibility](#).” Revise and resubmit to *Journal of Communication*. (resubmitted 10/1/2021)
- Lyons, BA**. “[Insidiously Trivial: Political Memes as a Vessel for Misinformation](#).” Revise and resubmit to *Media and Communication*.
- Spälti, A., **Lyons, BA**, Stoeckel, F., Szwach, P., Mérola, V., Stednitz, C., López González, P,\* Reifler, J. “[Partisanship and anti-elite worldviews as correlates of science and health beliefs in a multi-party system](#).” Revise and resubmit to *Public Understanding of Science*.
- Stoeckel, F., Stöckli, S., Spälti, A., Phillips, J., **Lyons, BA**, Mérola, V., Reifler, J., Szwach, P. “Public support for lifting COVID-19 related restrictions for vaccinated citizens in Germany, France, and Sweden.” Revise and resubmit to *Vaccine*.
- Lyons, BA**, Mérola, V., Reifler, J., Spälti, A., Stoeckel, F., Stednitz, C. “[When experts matter: Variations in consensus messaging for vaccine and GMO safety](#).”
- Barnfield, M., Stöckli, S., Spälti, A., Phillips, J., Stoeckel, F., Thompson, J., **Lyons, BA**, Mérola, V., Szwach, P., Reifler, J. “The Limited Effect of Moral Framing on Vaccine Uptake: An Online Experiment in the Context of COVID-19.”
- Stoeckel, F., Thompson, J., Szwach, P., Stöckli, S., Barnfield, M., Phillips, J., **Lyons, BA**, Mérola, V., Reifler, J., “Correlates of support for international vaccine solidarity during the COVID-19 pandemic: Cross-sectional survey evidence from Germany.”

## WORKING PAPERS

Lyons, BA. "Explaining older Americans' vulnerability to dubious news: Partisanship, not illiteracy."

Merola, V, Lyons, BA, & Reifler, J. "Partisan Bias in Factual Knowledge: Using Monetary Incentives to Disentangle Expressive Responding and Motivated Learning"

## GRANT ACTIVITY

### Funded

- 2021 PI, "How Voters React to Implicit and Explicit Conspiracy Cues." U of Utah College of Humanities Seed Grant. \$23,500.  
2021 International Travel and Research Grant. U of Utah College of Humanities. \$1,500.  
2019 International Travel and Research Grant. U of Utah College of Humanities. \$1,500.  
2018 Co-PI (with A. Guess, J. Montgomery, B. Nyhan and J. Reifler) Democracy Fund. Support to YouGov for [midterm election research on Facebook ads and fake news](#). \$82,070.  
2016 Co-Investigator (PI Jason Reifler) ERC Consolidator Grant: "[Debunker: The Problem of European Misperceptions in Politics, Health, and Science: Causes, Consequences, and the Search for Solutions](#)." approx \$2,189,616/£1,498,917.

### Unfunded

- 2022 "Political Memes as a Vessel for Misinformation." Faculty Research Award, MCS Division of AEJMC. \$10,000. Under review.  
2021 "Designing Experiments in Science Communication." University Teaching Grant. \$2,100.  
2021 Co-PI (w/ R. Medina & S. Brewer), "A Collaborative Investigation into Social Vulnerabilities and Impacts of Present Conspiracy Theories in the United States." NEH Collaborative Research. Under review.  
2020 PI, "Political Memes as a Vessel for Misinformation." U of Utah College of Humanities Seed Grant. \$18,000.  
2020 PI, "Political Memes as a Vessel for Misinformation." U of Utah Digital Matters Faculty Grant Program. \$5,000.  
2020 PI, "Political Memes as a Vessel for Misinformation." U of Utah Faculty Small Grant Program. \$6,000.  
2020 PI, "How Voters React to Implicit and Explicit Conspiracy Cues." U of Utah College of Humanities Kickstart Funding Program. \$10,000. Under review. [Paused due to COVID-19]  
2019 Co-PI (w/ Y. Sun & T. Green) "Toward Transparent and Reproducible Science: A Collaborative Workshop." U of Utah 1U4U Innovation Funding. \$30,000.  
2019 Co-PI (with A. Guess, J. Montgomery, B. Nyhan and J. Reifler), "Using performance feedback to counter Dunning-Kruger effects in media literacy." Reboot Foundation. \$29,295.  
2019 PI, "How Voters React to Implicit and Explicit Conspiracy Cues." Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, Special Competition for Young Investigators, NSF.  
2018 PI, "Partisan Motivated Disgust: Politicised Objects and Policy Support." The Association for Politics & The Life Sciences Special Competition: Disgust and Political Attitudes. \$1,500.  
2017 PI, "The Content of Fact-Checking: How Readers Process Paired Claims." Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, Special Competition for Young Investigators, NSF.  
2016 Co-PI (w/ Ariel Hasell), "Repairing False Beliefs through Narrative Conversion." Knight Foundation Prototype Fund.  
2016 Co-PI (w/ Ariel Hasell), "Increasing the Spread of Fact-Checks on Social Network Sites." Knight Foundation Prototype Fund.  
2016 PI, "Unbiasing Information Search and Processing through Personal and Social Identity Mechanisms." Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences, Special Competition for Young Investigators, NSF.

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 *Social Media: Principles and Applications*, by Pavica Sheldon. [Reviewed](#) in *New Media & Society*, 19(5): 799-800.  
2014 *Social Media in Disaster Response: How Experience Architects Can Build for Participation*, by Liza Potts. [Reviewed](#) in *New Media & Society*, 16(7): 1191-1193.

## COMMENTARY (SELECTED)

- 2020 "We need universal digital ad transparency now." (2020, Oct. 16) *TechCrunch*.  
2018 "Avoiding the Echo Chamber about Echo Chambers." (2018, Feb. 13) *Medium*.  
2015 "Why People Believe in Conspiracy Theories." (2018, Feb. 13) *Economic and Social Research Council*.  
2015 "Using a Rumor Site to Investigate Scientific Fraud." (2015, June 22). *Poynter*.  
2015 "Human Nature and Science Journalism" (2015). *Gateway Journalism Review* 45 (338): 10-11  
2014 "Facebook v. Science?" (2015). *GJR* 44 (337): 14  
2014 "Ebola Reminds Us Perception Is Reality." (2015). *GJR* 44 (336): 12-13  
2014 "Should Journalists Be Responsible for Reporting Bad Science?" (2014) *GJR* 44 (335): 12-13.  
GJR author archive: <http://gatewayjr.org/author/benlyons/>

## INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Annenberg Public Policy Center Speaker Series. "Accepting or rejecting the experts."  
2019 Association for Psychological Science. Invited symposium, "Fake News and Misinformation."  
2018 U. of Illinois at Springfield. "How the media can spread (and correct) conspiracy beliefs during public health crises"  
Oxford Martin School at the U. of Oxford. "Countering vaccination myths."  
2017 London School of Economics. "Social Influences & Factual Beliefs."  
2016

Centre for Deliberative Democracy and Global Governance at the U. of Canberra. [“From Code to Discourse: Social Media and Linkage Mechanisms in the Deliberative System.”](#)

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- ICA: 2022; 2021, 2020 (3), 2019, 2018, 2017 (2), 2014 (3), 2013 (2)
- MAPOR: 2019, 2018 (2), 2015, 2014 (2), 2013 (2), 2011
- MPSA: 2020, 2019, 2018 (2), 2016 (2)
- AEJMC: 2016, 2015, 2014 (2)
- APSA: 2019, 2018 (2), 2016
- AAPOR: 2016 (3), 2012
- SPSP: 2020
- APS: 2019
- AAAS: 2018
- APLS: 2015
- APHA: 2014

## Awards

#### TOP PAPER AWARDS AND OTHER PRIZES

- 2021 Honorable Mention, APSA Political Communication Section Walter Lippmann Best Published Article Award. (Co-lead)
- 2018 Center for Open Science. [Preregistration Challenge Prize](#), \$1,000 (Lead author)
- 2017 ICA. Top Paper. Intergroup Communication Interest Group. (Sole author)
- 2014 ICA. Top 4 Student Paper. Philosophy, Theory & Critique Division. (Sole author)
- 2014 NCA. Top Paper. Spiritual Communication Division. (Lead author)

#### FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

- 2021 Rising Star in the Humanities. University of Utah
- 2015-16 Doctoral Fellowship. Southern Illinois University
- 2011-13 PROMPT Fellowship. *Awarded to students from families that have traditionally not had access to higher education with unique contributions to make to the discipline.*
- 2007 Illinois College Rammelkamp Scholar Award. *School's highest academic honor.*

## Teaching

#### COURSES TAUGHT

- Utah Persuasion & Political Communication, COMM 5200. S2021. F2021. ~ 35 students  
Designing Experiments in Science Communication, COMM 5820 (Capstone). S2022. ~ 15 students  
Strategic Comm Theory & Practice, COMM 2580. F2019, S2020. ~ 100-150 students  
PR Cases & Campaigns, COMM 5850 (Capstone). S2020. F2020. S2021. F2021. ~ 35 students  
Science & Risk Communication, COMM 7260 (Graduate). F2020. ~ 10 students  
Quant. Methods Special Topics: Research Design, COMM 7800 (Graduate). S2022. ~ 10 students
- Exeter Digital Media and Politics, POL2087. S2019. ~ 20 students  
American Politics, POL2047. S2018. ~ 190 students

#### ASSISTANTSHIPS

- SIU Writing for the Media, JRNL 201, F2014; Sports, Media, & Society, RTD 321, S2013, F2013;

#### ADVISING

- Laurie Simmons - Professional Master of Science and Technology (2021-22 Masters thesis)
- Sam O'Neill (University of Exeter 2017-18 undergraduate dissertation)

## Relevant experience

#### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2014-15 Managing Editor, *Gateway Journalism Review*
- 2010-11 Reporter; Staff Writer, *The Jacksonville Source*

# Service & public engagement

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE (UTAH)

2019-2022 Student Media Council

## DEPARTMENTAL AND COLLEGE SERVICE (COMM/HUMANITIES AT UTAH)

2021-22 Assistant professor of science communication search committee  
2020-22 College executive committee  
2019-21 Undergraduate committee

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

AAAS, AEJMC, APLS, APSA, ICA, MAPOR, MPSA, SPSP.

## REVIEWING | [PUBLONS PEER REVIEW PROFILE](#)

Editorial boards: *The Social Science Journal* (2018- ). *International Communication Research Journal* (2019- )

Ad hoc reviewing: *American Political Science Review*; *Nature Human Behaviour*; *Nature Communications*; *Nature Climate Change*; *Science Advances*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Journal of Communication*; *Political Communication*; *Communication Research*; *Human Communication Research*; *International Journal of Press/Politics*; *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*; *Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media*; *International Journal of Communication*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *Climatic Change*; *Public Understanding of Science*; *Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*; *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*; *Electoral Studies*; *Research & Politics*; *Communication Methods & Measures*; *American Politics Research*; *Media Psychology*; *Mass Communication & Society*; *Journalism*; *Motivation & Emotion*; *Information Technology & Politics*; *Political Studies*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *CyberPsychology, Behavior & Social Networking*; *Environmental Sociology*; *Body & Society*; *The Social Science Journal*; *Applied Environmental Education & Communication*; *International Journal of Electronic Governance*; *International Communication Research Journal*; *Journal of Science Communication*; *Behavioural Public Policy*; *Behavior Research Methods*; *Policy & Internet*; *Frontiers in Political Science*; *PLOS One*; *PNAS Nexus*

Grant reviewing: Austrian Science Fund (FWF): Hertha Firnberg-Programme.

Publons top reviewers in Social Science [2019] ([Top 1% in field](#))

## MEDIA APPEARANCES | [ALTMETRIC](#)

### Research coverage/citation

CNN.10/7/2021. "[What's stunning about the misinformation trend – and how to fix it.](#)"  
*The Guardian*. 7/2/2021. "[Researchers reveal corrosive power of Trump's lie of a stolen election.](#)"  
*Ars Technica*. 6/2/2021. "[Dunning-Kruger meets fake news](#)"  
*The Independent*. 6/1/2021. "[Three in four Americans overestimate their ability to spot false news stories, study finds.](#)"  
*New York Daily News*. 6/1/2021. "[Americans most confident in spotting 'Fake News' may be the most vulnerable to it.](#)"  
*The Guardian*. 5/31/2021. "[Overconfident of spotting fake news? If so, you may be more likely to fall victim.](#)"  
*Snopes*. 5/31/2021. "[Those Who Think They Can Spot Misinformation Are More Likely to be Duped by It, Study Finds.](#)"  
CNN. 5/31/2021. "[Most Americans think they can spot fake news. They can't, study finds.](#)"  
*Scientific American*. 4/1/2021. "[How to Debunk Misinformation about COVID, Vaccines and Masks.](#)"  
*The Conversation*. 3/18/2021. "[7 ways to avoid becoming a misinformation superspreader.](#)"  
→ [Republished in *Salon*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Arizona Daily Star*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* etc.]  
*CQ Researcher [Congressional Quarterly]*. 3/5/2021. "[Expertise Under Assault.](#)"  
*The Washington Post*. 11/6/2020. "[Five myths about misinformation.](#)"  
*The New York Times*. 9/11/2020. "[Getting Wise to Fake News.](#)"  
*Der Spiegel* 9/2/2020. "[A dialogue is becoming increasingly difficult or even impossible.](#)"  
*ProPublica*. 7/16/2020. "['Outright Lies': Voting Misinformation Flourishes on Facebook.](#)"  
*LSE US Centre*. 7/13/2020. "[Using digital media reinforces inequalities in political participation.](#)"  
*The Conversation*. 7/8/2020. "[Coronavirus anti-vaxxers: here's how to change their minds.](#)"  
*Healthline* 6/28/2020. "[Learn to Spot Fake Health News with These 5 Tips.](#)"  
*Nieman Lab*. 6/26/2020. "[The little things \(pop-ups, notifications, warnings\) work to fight fake news, new evidence shows.](#)"  
*Consumer Reports* 6/26/2020. "[Facebook Will Warn Users Sharing Outdated Content.](#)"  
*Hindustan Times*. 6/24/2020. "[Here's why it's important to be digitally literate and avoid spread of misinformation.](#)"  
*Ars Technica*. 6/23/2020. "[In the UK, social media use associated with COVID-19 conspiracy theories.](#)"  
*Consumer Reports* 6/22/2020. "[Facebook Gave Tips to Spot Fake News. A Study Says They Work Surprisingly Well.](#)"  
*The Atlantic* 6/19/2020. "[The Damage of Trump's Voter-Fraud Allegations Can't Be Undone.](#)"  
*Lawfare* 2/20/2020. "[The Empirical Effects of Disinformation.](#)"  
*Nieman Lab* 10/11/2019. "[Focus here, not there: These are the gaps in political misinformation research.](#)"  
*FiveThirtyEight*. 10/8/2019. "[Media Bubbles Aren't The Biggest Reason We're Partisans.](#)"  
*Reuters*. 7/25/2019. "[U.S. Democrats and Republicans can't even agree on the weather: Reuters/Ipsos](#)"

NPR. 6/8/2019. “We All Owe Al Gore An Apology’: More People See Climate Change In Record Flooding.”  
*The Atlantic*. 6/7/2019. “Some Real News About Fake News”  
*The Skeptical Inquirer*. May/June 2019. “Skepticism And The Persuasive Power Of Conversion Stories”  
*LSE European Politics & Policy*. 5/17/2019. “What do Europeans know about the EU before they go to the polls?”  
*Christian Science Monitor*. 4/16/2019. “Is America’s media divide destroying democracy?”  
*Los Angeles Times*. 3/19/2019. “Some real facts about fake news and its influence on U.S. elections”  
*Medium*. 3/7/2019. “We can’t combat fake news if we don’t really understand it”  
*Psychology Today*. 2/8/2019. “Antivaxxers and the Plague of Science Denial”  
*Facebook*. 2/7/2019 “New Research Shows Facebook Making Strides Against False News”  
*Columbia Journalism Review*. 2/7/2019. “Researchers say fears about ‘fake news’ are exaggerated”  
*El País*. 2/3/2019. “Bienvenidos a la era de los extremos climáticos.”  
*El País*. 1/30/2019. “Estados Unidos se hiela mientras Australia se quema.”  
*Wissenschaftskommunikation.de*. 1/21/2019. “Kontroverse Themen: Gesinnungswechsel regen zum Nachdenken an”  
*Genetic Literacy Project*. 1/18/2019. “Ex-GMO skeptics may be best advocates for crop biotech.”  
*Huffington Post*. 10/8/2018. “Americans hit by extreme weather want the media to cover climate change.”  
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